

The Scroll *of the Park Ave. Synagogue*

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Passover Begins Wednesday Eve., April 1

Gov. Lehman names Rabbi Steinberg Chaplain of State Guard

A signal honor has come to the Rabbi of our congregation in his appointment by Governor Herbert Lehman as Divisional Chaplain of the New York Guard. Rabbi Steinberg was named to the armed forces of our State with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is the first Jewish Chaplain to have been assigned to the State Guard. His colleagues are—for the Protestant Church, Dr. Henry Darlington of the Church of Heavenly Rest, and for the Catholic Church, Father John Tynan of Fordham University.

In his capacity as Divisional Chaplain it will be the responsibility of Rabbi Steinberg together with his colleagues to supervise all religious activities of the 17,000 officers and men of the New York Guard and to designate regimental chaplains wherever vacancies exist or come into being. It will also be Rabbi Steinberg's duty to offer religious ministrations to the Jewish men.

The officers of the congregation have given their permission to Rabbi Steinberg to be free from congregational duties for whatever time his new obligations require. It would appear that Rabbi Steinberg will be able to continue normal routines of synagogue life uninterrupted, that his heaviest responsibilities will fall during the summer months of intensive training.

Other Appointments

During recent months several national organizations have appointed Rabbi Steinberg to positions of responsibility in the administration of their affairs. Thus, Rabbi Steinberg has just been named by Mr. Henry Monsky, National President of B'nai B'rith, as a Commissioner of the Hillel Foundations. The Commissioners of the Hillel Foundation supervise and direct all the Hillel work on many campuses throughout the country.

Rabbi Steinberg has been named to the Publications Committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America; to the Committee on Army and Navy Religious Activities of the Jewish Welfare Board; to the Public Relations Section of the Emergency Committee on Zionist Affairs. In the last capacity Rabbi Steinberg is assigned to the task of communicating to the Christian clergy information relevant to Zionism and in evoking from them a sympathetic response to the Zionist program.

Festival Closes, April 9th Service Schedule Announced.

The festival of Passover, commemoration of Israel's emancipation from Egyptian bondage and symbolic representation of the coming of liberty in the future to all men, will be inaugurated at sundown on **Wednesday evening, April 1st**. It will close at sundown, on **Thursday, April 9th**. Services at the Synagogue will be conducted in accordance with the following schedule:

Wednesday and Thursday evenings
April 1st and 2nd — 6 P. M.

Thursday and Friday mornings,
April 2nd and 3rd — 9 A. M.

Sermons on both mornings will be delivered by Rabbi Milton Steinberg.

The Shabbat Hal Hamoed

Late Friday evening services will be held on the intervening Sabbath of the festival: Worship will begin on Friday evening, April 3rd, at 8:30 P. M. Rabbi Steinberg will preach on

"Resistance by Non-Cooperation"

Can Freedom be won this way?

A sermon based on

John Steinbeck's "The Moon is Down"
and

Pearl Buck's "Dragon Seed"

Services on Saturday morning, April 4th, will begin at 9 o'clock.

The Latter Days

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 7th and 8th, at 6 P. M.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings, April 8th and 9th, at 9 A. M.

On the last morning of Passover, that of Thursday, April 9th, the Yizkor memorial service will be read.

A memorial card is enclosed with this issue of The Scroll in anticipation of the **Yizkor** service on **Thursday, April 9th**. Please fill out the card and submit it to the Secretary of the Synagogue as promptly as possible if you desire to memorialize the names of your departed kinsfolk.

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Bar Mitzvahs

The following Bar Mitzvahs have been or will be celebrated in our Synagogue:

December 13th— Master Howard Goldberg,
son of Dr. and Mrs. S. Jay Goldberg.
December 20th— Master Harry Schwarz,
son of Dr. and Mrs. Max Schwarz.
December 27th— Master John Astrachan,
son of Dr. and Mrs. Girsch Astrachan.
January 3rd— Master Franklin Picker, son
of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Picker.
January 10th— Master Richard Herman,
son of Mr and Mrs. Irving Herman.
January 17th— Master Robert Pitofsky, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pitofsky.
January 31st—Master Jordan Zapell, son
of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Zapell.
April 11th— Master Hillel Black, son of
Dr. and Mrs. Isadore Black.
April 18th— Master Theodore Goldbloom,
son of Dr. A. Allen Goldbloom, now asso-
ciated with the United States Army, stat-
ioned in Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Gold-
bloom, resident of this city.
April 25th— Master Saul Kanrich, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kanrich.

To the Bar Mitzvahs and their families, The Scroll extends its warmest felicitations and hopes that the young men may attain their highest potentialities in life as Jews and American citizens.

A Passover Message from the Synagogue Council of America

The Synagogue Council of America sends greetings to the Jews of America and to the Jews of the world on the occasion of the Passover festival, which celebrates the first triumph of freedom over slavery in the history of Israel.

This year the Passover brings both a challenge and a promise. It challenges Jews, side by side with their fellow citizens in the freedom-loving peoples of the world, to break the chains of servitude which modern Pharaohs have welded upon countless millions; and it promises that, as redemption came to Israel of old, so will salvation come in our time to the enslaved in all the ends of the earth.

Time and again peoples have risen in their might to fight against tyrants who attempted to rob them of their liberties. During the conflicts that ensued, the fighters for freedom suffered many setbacks and disappointments. The memory of the Passover strengthens us for the task ahead, as we gird ourselves for the life and death struggle that shall assure the safety and the preservation of a free humanity. It inspires us with the confidence that, despite initial reverses, the final triumph of the cause of liberty will inevitably crown our sacrifices.

We of the people of Israel, who have cherished our liberating experience from Egypt since the days of Moses and from year to year have retold the story of this redemption to our children, will never surrender the hope of freedom. Our deep-rooted conviction that the Exodus from Egypt was the start of Liberty's march through the length and breadth of the world will help us to bear courageously with our fellows in the armed ranks of the United Nations, whatever burdens and afflictions may come to us.

With faith in God, with confidence in the victory of God over evil, and with readiness to answer every call for sacrificial service, we turn our hopes and our prayers toward the future.

Rabbi Israel Goldstein, President

(The Synagogue Council of America represents the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Rabbinical and Congregational Organizations of America.)

New Members

Since The Scroll last went to press our congregation roster has been enlarged by the affiliation of the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rosh
 Mr and Mrs. Benjamin Levin
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Levin
 Dr. and Mrs. James W. Smith
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Schwarz
 Mr. and Mrs. William Frankel
 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Leventhal
 Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Kaplan
 Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pitofsky

To one and all a very cordial welcome and the hope that they will participate in our Synagogue program to the full.

The Music of Adir Hu

The melody of Adir Hu dominates not only the music of our Seder service but also that of the liturgy at services in the Synagogue. The following are some historic notices on the origin of the melody.

This well known tune underwent several variations until it finally attained its present form. We have its oldest form printed in a Hagaddah of 1644 and a second form in 1677 by the convert F. A. Christian in his Hagaddah "Zevach Pesach." A third version appeared in 1769, with a Jewish-German translation added. The tune also found its way into the Southern French Jewish communities. The Bavarian version of Adir Hu has still retained the form which originated in the Seventh Century. The characteristics of the melody as we now sing it is decidedly German, though no identical German tune has yet been found. There are however many German songs which feature the Adir Hu motifs, among them "Maria's cradlesong" of 1544 and the "Song of the Pilgrims" of 1537.

The Synagogue is preparing an Honor Roll of its young men in the Armed Service of our country. Will the families of such young men send in their names to Rabbi Steinberg for inclusion?

You Can Do Your Share

The Synagogue is giving of its facilities and time to several organizations engaged in war activities. You can help further this work in any of the following ways:

Will you entertain a soldier in your home at your family Seder? If you will, please call Miss Robinson at Sacramento 2-8765—Miss Robinson in turn will communicate with the Jewish Welfare Board and complete arrangements on your behalf.

Red Cross groups are meeting regularly at the Synagogue under the chairmanship of Mrs. Sarah Botein. Sewing groups meet on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. First Aid classes, both for men and women, are given several times a week. A nutrition course for women is about to begin. If you are interested in further information about any of these groups, Mrs. Botein will be pleased to furnish it. You may write to her in care of the Synagogue or telephone Atwater 9-9640 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A special drive is now going on to collect books for the Victory Book Campaign. Bring your spare books on interesting subjects to the Synagogue and they will be turned over to our soldiers and sailors, who are genuinely in need of such contributions

Adult Classes Meet April 6th

On Monday evening, April 6th, the classes conducted by the Committee on Adult Education will hold a regular meeting. The major lecture course which this year is given over to "Great Jewish Ethical Texts" will on this particular evening be devoted to Bahya's "Guide to the Duties of the Heart." This text written by an 11th century Jewish saint is a fascinating instance of the Jewish ethical genius.

All persons registered for the course are urged to be present. All others will be admitted on payment of a nominal entrance fee.

Womens Glee Club

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 A.M. to 12 noon a group of about twenty-five ladies meet to sing songs they enjoy singing. This group has recently been organized by the Sisterhood and is sponsored by the Committee on Adult Education. There are no special requirements necessary for membership in this Glee Club, merely a desire to sing. Interested persons are invited to join by coming Thursday morning at 10:30 A.M. The Glee Club is led by Cantor Putterman.

School News

During the past months the boys and girls of our Sunday and Hebrew Schools have had opportunities to display interest and eagerness at a number of special celebrations.

On Chamishoh Osor Beshvat, Jewish Arbor Day, the children prepared a display of pictures showing the growth and development of Palestinian Jewry. In addition they were shown two movies on Jewish History and the life of Theodore Herzl.

Immediately after, our children began the preparation for a Purim Carnival which was held on March 8th. The interest of the children in this Carnival virtually equalled their enjoyment of the day itself. Each class had prepared a booth and the dominating theme was "Kicking the 3 H's, — Haman, Hitler, and Hirohito." The children were so successful in it that they won more than 200 prizes.

Each class, moreover, celebrated Purim with a special party in the home of one of the children. These parties were extremely successful, thanks to the splendid cooperation of a number of our parents. May we at this time once again express our gratitude to them for helping our children to enjoy the Purim spirit in the right way.

At the present time the children are busy preparing the Model Seder for March 29th. Each class will on that occasion form a family with an elected father and mother. They will decorate their tables and come in the traditional color for the Seder evenings, white or light colored dresses. This Seder promises to become a remarkable event in our school life to judge by the intensity of the preparations and the extremely enthusiastic spirit of our children.

The staff of our school has lately been engaged in intensive discussions of the aims and methods of our educational efforts. Extremely valuable suggestions concerning the curriculum and methods of education have been worked out. In order to inform the parents of our children about them and to win their full cooperation, the Friday evening service on March 27th will be given over to a group of teachers who, on this occasion will conduct an open and frank panel discussion on the aims, difficulties and achievements of our school work. This is the first time that such a project has been conducted and we hope that the result will be a fuller cooperation on the part of the parents, in order that their children might get the fullest benefit of their religious training in our schools.

Sisterhood's Spring Luncheon and Musicale

In the past we urged our members and friends to sell luncheon tickets and get "ADS" for a Journal. This year, in keeping with the times, the Sisterhood has invested in United States Defense Bonds and now urges you to make every effort to sell the books sent you some time ago.

It is a pleasure to remind you that for every Defense Bond Book sold, you are entitled to a guest ticket for the gala Sisterhood affair of the year,—its Annual Spring Musicale and Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, at the Hotel Astor Roof.

THIS ACTIVITY HELPS OUR SYNAGOGUE

Synagogue is a membership obligation, and it is therefore your duty to sell your quota.

Mrs. William Karmiol, Chairman of the Luncheon, and Mrs. Benjamin Sack, Chairman of Sales Promotion, stand ready to answer inquiries and supply more books.

The next regular Sisterhood meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 28th, at 1:30 P.M. A very interesting program has been planned.

Council to Observe Annual Sabbath at Synagogue

On Friday evening, April 24th, the New York Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will participate in the Sabbath services of our congregation.

Each year the National Council sets one Sabbath aside as "Council Sabbath." Our congregation has been honored by the fact that the officers and many of the members of the New York Section will worship with us. Greetings will be extended to the Council by Mrs. J. Easton Holzman, Sisterhood President, and on behalf of the Council by Mrs. Benjamin Garfunkel, President of the New York Section. Other members of the Council will take part in the English reading of the service.

The entire congregation is invited to be present to serve as host on this occasion.